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1. Between September 1949 and June 1950, an airfield was observed on the east-south-eastern edge of Vorkuta (N 67-30, E 64-00) about two kilometers east of Vorkuta railroad station, Arkhangelsk Military District. The installation apparently was an auxiliary airfield without hangars, buildings, and concrete taxiways. Some low wooden buildings were located outside of the field, which had no visible boundaries. Three to five biplanes were usually parked at the western edge of the installation. At irregular intervals, individual aircraft would fly mostly toward the Arctic Ocean or inland. No air force unit was known to be stationed at the field. 25X1
2. Between March 1949 and June 1950, no buildings, runways, or other installations were observed at the airfield located near Vorkuta railroad station. The field was mainly used by courier and mail aircraft. Occasionally, twin-engine transports carried convicts from Vorkuta to Novaya Zemlya. Up to ten biplanes were observed parked along the northwestern side of the field. They usually flew individually and in various directions. During June 1950, an additional six or 25X1

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seven twin-engine transports were observed parked next to the biplanes. South-east of the field was an AA gun emplacement with three or four light AA guns which were guarded by some Soviet soldiers.

3. From June 1949 to June 1950, informant repeatedly passed an auxiliary airfield located 1.5 to 2 kilometers south-southeast of Vorkuta. The field, which had no visible boundaries, was covered with grass. No night flying activity or night lighting facilities were observed. Some temporary buildings of an undetermined purpose were located outside of the northern edge of the installation. Individual single-engine aircraft made courier flights from the field, usually heading north. Most of the aircraft which landed at the field also came from the north. No other traffic connection to the north was observed. During spring 1950, informant sometimes observed a twin-engine aircraft approach the field from the west. No jet aircraft or four-engine aircraft were observed at the field.

an AA regiment was stationed at the field.

4. The airfield on the southeastern edge of Vorkuta was in operation up to summer 1953. Informants believed that it was apparently a commercial airfield at which only little air activity was conducted.

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